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DEMONSTRATIONS OF STATE OF THE ART PROSTHETIC DEVICES

EVENT: In conjunction with other Disability Awareness Month activities, the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) is sponsoring demonstrations by manufacturers of state of the art prosthetic devices people with disabilities.

DATE: Thursday, October 19, 2006

TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Medal of Honor Hall
California Department of Veterans Affairs
1227 O Street, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

WHO: Among the exhibitors will be:

- Hanger Prosthetics- will showcase the latest in "bionic limb" technology
- Phillip A. Danz & Associates, Inc.- will showcase the work of ocular prostheticians
- Other exhibitors

BACKGROUND: In its continuing effort to provide all employees, including employees with disabilities, a comfortable and productive working environment, CDVA annually participates in Disability Awareness Month. CDVA strives to increase awareness of its employees with disabilities and thus provides co-workers with suggestions on relating to them in a normal and thoughtful manner. With the potential incursion to the workforce of Iraq War veterans with disabilities, awareness campaigns such as this will help create comfortable and amiable working environments for all workers.

CDVA has an annual department operating budget of approximately \$300 million, a Farm and Home Loan program with assets of about \$2.4 billion, and approximately 1,600 employees statewide.

CDVA provides outreach to veterans reentering civilian life after having answered America's call to military service, by helping them claim their earned veterans benefits, provides low-cost loans to acquire homes and farms, and when the time comes, provides aged and disabled veterans rehabilitative, residential, and medical care and services in home-like environments at the California Veterans Homes.

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